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A Jones County work group scrubs the floor of New Hope Baptist Church, Foxworth.



Pineburr Baptist Church, Marion County, and its pastorium had 41 inches of water. Pastor Ronnie Maxie, his wife, Elizabeth, and son, Scott, spent the night on a hill in a pick-up truck. They lost most of their furniture. (They had been flooded out twice before in Petal.)

## South Mississippi Flood waters damage Baptist churches, homes

By Tim Nicholas

At least five Mississippi Baptist Churches along with dozens of Baptist homes suffered flash flooding last Wednesday, April 6. Damage to churches, none of it insured, ranged from ruined carpet and hymn books up to an estimated \$100,000 at New Hope Baptist Church in Marion County.

Clean-up was underway throughout the weekend by church members and volunteers from around the state, called in through the disaster relief ministry coordinated by Paul Harrell of the Brotherhood department of the Mis-

issippi Baptist Convention Board.

Though Marion County appeared to be hardest hit, at least two Baptist churches in Hattiesburg received flash flood waters, South 28th Avenue and Ridgcrest churches.

Reached at the church Saturday evening, Gibbie McMillan, pastor at South 28th Ave. since Jan. 9, said about 160 people were at the church having a barbecue. Many of them had been working practically straight through since Wednesday evening when the Bowie River shot about 6 inches of water through the church and about three inches through the education buildings. McMillan said that Wednesday afternoon, just after members had swept out the sludge, a dam broke in Lamar County, flooding them again. Then a sewer backed up into the church's family life center spewing two inches of raw sewage onto the floors. Then a health inspector required another cleaning with disinfectant.

Joel Ray, director of missions in Lebanon Association, said several other churches had been threatened by river overflowing, but no word had been received of flooding as of Saturday evening. The estimated 5,000 people evacuated from their homes as a result of actual or imminent flooding were still awaiting the flood waters to recede. The home of Avery Lee, pas-

tor, University Baptist Church, got 12 inches of water. Ray said by midweek there should be some information on needs that arise. Ray said he was sure some National Baptist churches had had severe flooding.

Three Marion County churches, New Hope, Shiloh, and Pineburr, suffered from the flash flooding. A wall of water hit New Hope and the surrounding community, shoving the church van a quarter of a mile into the woods behind the church. The asphalt parking lot washed away, and a near moat now surrounds the church.

Pastor Bobby Smith and his wife got out of the pastorium across the street from the church in chest deep water. Water reached the top of the church sign, which stands at about six feet. Volunteers and members, including a number of young people, were washing the church pews and chairs and pullings things from the muck around the buildings.

Two doors down from the church, a frame house was still sinking into a water pit. It was the home of members Harry and Fleeda Slocum and was completely destroyed.

Said Smith, "I've never seen the people really in a spirit of togetherness the way they have now."

Shiloh church had three feet of water in the sanctuary and a foot of it in the

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Betty Hall, wife of Wilbur Hall, pastor of Foxworth, First Baptist Church, gives directors to a volunteer group from Success Baptist Church. Foxworth, First Church, escaped a wetting, but the Halls kept 35 people in their home Wed. night and fed over 185 out of church funds.



Volunteers from Greenfield Baptist Church, Greenville, report for work. Ricky Kennedy, pastor is third from left. They were among groups answering Brotherhood director Paul Harrell's appeal for help with clean-up.

## Non-SBC pastors seek homes for Pittsburgh

PITTSBURGH, Pa. (BP)—Non-Southern Baptist ministers in Pittsburgh are helping find "homes for the homeless" who want to attend the annual SBC Convention in their city.

Publicity over the shortage of rooms for the 15,000 to 20,000 Southern Baptists who are expected to attend the meeting June 14-16, especially stories of hotels refusing to honor reservations they had already accepted, has evoked Christian charity among the Pittsburgh religious community.

"American Baptists and Methodists have really taken the lead in offering assistance," said Tim Hedquist, SBC convention manager. "The local ministerial alliance has contacted the Southern Baptist Convention and is trying to find private housing among its member congregations for Southern Baptists visitors."

The Pittsburgh Baptist Association was already working with the city's 3,500 Southern Baptists to make private homes available and the ecumenical offer will also be handled through the Pittsburgh association's office.

Anyone interested should write to Private Housing, Greater Pittsburgh Baptist Association, 659 Washington Road, Pittsburgh, Pa. 15228. The number of people in the party and ar-

rival and departure times should be included. The housing will be distributed on a first come, first served basis.

For people seeking hotel rooms, Hedquist said, "If the room application has not been confirmed" the number of the Pittsburgh Convention Bureau is 412-281-7711.

## Tishomingo first to finish family survey

Jack Maroon, Belmont, associational family life coordinator, and Walter C. Ballard, director of missions, have secured 100% cooperation of the pastors of the 26 churches of Tishomingo Association to complete a church family survey.

The survey is suggested in the Church Family Life Committee booklet. J. Clark Hensley, state consultant for associational and church committee training work, suggested that the associational coordinators seek to get such information from the pastors.

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## New Sunday Schools set record pace

NASHVILLE (BP)—Sunday school starts are setting a record pace for the first six months of the 1982-83 church year with 563 new Sunday Schools reported through March 31.

At this time last year 525 new Sunday schools had been reported, according to James Lackey, growth consultant in the Sunday School department of the Baptist Sunday School Board. The goal for the year is 1,000.

Texas is leading all states with 138 new Sunday Schools reported. The state goal for the year is 200. Florida is second with 82 starts reported toward a goal of 100.

Other states which are more than halfway toward their goals for the year are: Arizona (28 starts with a goal of 50), Nevada (8 of 13), Northwest (18 of 30), Oklahoma (36 of 57) and Pennsylvania-South Jersey (21 of 28). Mississippi has already exceeded its goal of 15 by two.

Lackey said July 1983 has been designated Start a New Sunday School Month. He expects many churches which commit themselves on Pentecost Sunday, May 22, to starting a new church or mission will begin that work in July with a new Sunday School. Pentecost Sunday is a project of the Home Mission Board in which it is hoped Southern Baptist churches will make a commitment in May to start at least 3,000 new churches in 1983-84.

## New "staff changes" policy is announced

Beginning with next week's issue, a new policy will take effect in the acceptance of Staff Changes material for the Baptist Record. It is simply that each item that is sent in must be signed to be considered.

Virtually all of the staff changes that are submitted for publication at this point are signed. Yet an unsigned one arrived recently and was used that was a hoax.

It is understood that a person could put a false signature on an item, and it very likely would be used. The Baptist Record would have no way of knowing that the signature was not valid just as it had no way of knowing that the unsigned staff change was not valid. A bogus signature, however, would only compound the tragedy; and surely no one will go to that extreme.

Last week the Baptist Record, based on information received, reported that Wilbur B. Webb had resigned as pastor of Drew Church and was entering a ministry of revivals and pulpit supply. That is not the case. He has not resigned.

The Record Record regrets the error; but more than that, we rue the fact that someone took such action without just cause.—The Editor

## Measles vaccine is too late for some

By Evelyn Knapp

BUKOB, Tanzania (BP)—Ten thousand children have been inoculated against measles in a campaign to halt the spread of the killer disease in the Kagera Region of Tanzania. Another 5,000 will be inoculated during the next two months.

Southern Baptist missionaries David and Betty Whitson of Bukoba, Tanzania, have been the driving force behind the massive project. Government nurses and medical assistants injected the vaccine while local pastors, the Whitsons' grown sons, and visitors from the United States helped prepare syringes during clinics in which 300-500 children were vaccinated each day.

Because of malnutrition and consequent lowered resistance, the children in developing countries are particularly susceptible to measles. The Tanzanian English-language newspaper, The Daily News, reported March 14 that the disease is responsible for 30 percent of all hospital deaths in the country.

International Lifeline, a United States medical relief agency, handled refrigerated shipping for the vaccine, donated by Merck, Sharp and Dohme, an American pharmaceutical company. The Southern Baptist Foreign Mission Board paid for international shipping and all expenses related to the clinics.

The need for measles vaccinations was brought home to the Whitsons last year when one of the Baptist pastors attended a conference and reported all four of his children had died from measles. His wife, blaming him for the deaths, had left him. He felt his life was ruined. Most of the conference was spent trying to help the pastor and discussing what might be done to protect other children from measles.

The Whitsons determined to secure

vaccine and inoculate all 40,000 children in the Kagera region where they live and work. As they began, others offered to keep. John and Jonnie Scott, who were visiting the Whitsons from Dallas, got involved when they saw the needs firsthand. The Whitsons' sons, Drew and Scott, home from university

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## Campers train in witnessing

At the recent Mississippi Campers on Mission Rally at Boone's Camp near Columbia, Campers got together for fellowship, inspiration, and witness training. Claude McGavie of Atlanta led in some witness training for the group which primarily consists of Baptists who want to use their camping time in Christian service. Pictured are Marie Hughes of Natchez and Zula Caperton of Noxapater exchanging their Christian testimonies. At right are Herbert Hughes and Frank

Caperton, their husbands, sharing testimonies also. The group voted to meet for their fall rally the last weekend in September at Boone's Camp again. And Doby Henry, building chairman of the Choctaw Bogue Chitto Baptist Church, reported dedication services for their new building will be June 11 at 10 a.m. The Campers on Mission have worked with the Choctaws to build a new facility for the church. That evening a revival begins at the church. (Tim Nicholas photo.)

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## Mississippi Baptist calendar of events

<b>OCTOBER '83</b> 2 High Attendance Day in Sunday School (SS Emphasis) 3-4 Pastors' Retreat; Camp Garaywa; 10 a.m., 3rd-4 p.m., 4th (CAPM) 5-7 Baptist Building At Home Days 8 New Staff Orientation; Baptist Building; 9:30 a.m.-3:45 p.m. 9 Handbell Leadership Seminar; Colonial Heights BC, Jackson; 10 a.m., 6th-noon, 7th (CM) 10 Baptist Young Women Retreat; Camp Garaywa; 6 p.m., 7th-3 p.m., 8th (WMU) 11 World Hunger Day (CAC Emphasis) 10-12 V Sunday School Leadership Conference; Gulfshore (SS) 10-15 Associational Acteens Planning Group Training; 6:30-8:30 p.m. (WMU) 10 - FBC, Batesville, 11 - FBC, Kosciusko, 13 - FBC, Laurel, 15 - FBC, Gulfport 11 Ministry to New Converts & New Church Members Conference; Calvary BC, Tupelo; 7-9:30 p.m. (CT) 13-15 VI Sunday School Leadership Conference; Gulfshore (SS) 14-15 Disaster Relief Training; Central Hills; 6 p.m., 14th-2 p.m., 15th (BRO) 17 Adventures in Sunday School Growth; FBC, Hattiesburg; 7-9:30 p.m. (SS) 21-22 Church Media Library Workshop; Harrisburg BC, Tupelo; Noon, 21st-noon, 22nd (SS) 24 Ministry to New Converts & New Church Members Conference; Calvary BC, Tupelo; 7-9:30 p.m. (CT) 25-27 Equipping Center Showcase; 9:30 a.m.-9 p.m. (CT) 25 - Alta Woods BC, Jackson 27 - FBC, Gulfport 28-29 Sunday School Growth—New Vision; FBC, Jackson; 10 a.m., 28th-noon, 29th (SS) 28-30 International Student Conference; Camp Garaywa; 5 p.m., 28th-noon, 30th (SW) 31 Senior Adult Choir & Handbell Festival; FBC, Batesville; 1-4 p.m. (CT & CM)	46 Baptist Building At Home Days 8 Witness Commitment Day (EVAN Emphasis) 9 Celebrate Family Rally; FBC, Hattiesburg; 10 a.m.-4 p.m. (CT) 10 Celebrate Family Rally; FBC, Batesville; 10 a.m.-4 p.m. (CT) 13 Celebrate Family Rally; FBC, Jackson; 10 a.m.-4 p.m. (CT) 18-20 Staff Planning Retreat at Garaywa 20-21 Young Minister Wives Retreat; Camp Garaywa; 5:30 p.m., 20th-2:30 p.m., 21st (WMU) 20-21 Small Sunday School Meeting; FBC, Holly Springs; 7-9:30 p.m., 20th and 9-11:30 a.m., 21st (SS) 22 Baptist Men's Day (BRO Emphasis) 26-27 District Keyboard Festival; 6:30 p.m. (CM) 26 - E. McComb BC, McComb; Morrison Heights BC, Clinton; FBC, Laurel; FBC, West Point 27 - FBC, Columbus; FBC, Natchez; N. Greenwood BC, Jackson; Petal-Harvey BC, Jackson; FBC, Crystal Springs 27-28 "Send I You" Clinic; Colonial Heights BC, Jackson; 7 p.m., 27th-10:45 a.m., 28th (SS) 27-28 Singers' Seminar; Alta Woods BC, Jackson; 7 p.m., 27th-4 p.m., 28th (CAC) 27-28 Disciple Youth Workshop; 6 p.m., 27th-noon, 28th (CT) 27 - FBC, Kosciusko/W. Jackson Street BC, Tupelo/Clarksdale BC, Clarksdale 28 District Keyboard Festival; 9:30 a.m. (CM) Oak Forest BC, Jackson/FBC, Gulfport/FBC, Horn Lake/FBC, Greenville	26 - FBC, Oxford; Hernando BC, Hernando 27 - FBC, Calhoun City; W. Jackson Street BC, Tupelo Vacation Bible School Clinic; 9:30 a.m.-3 p.m. (SS) 26 - FBC, Gulfport; 27 - FBC, Laurel; 28 - FBC, Brookhaven; 29 - FBC, Clinton 26-29 Adult Curriculum Workshop; 7-9:30 p.m. (CT) 26 - Robinson Street BC, Jackson/Bomar Avenue BC, Vicksburg/Highland BC, Meridian 27 - FBC, Yazoo City/Bay Springs BC, Bay Springs/Simpson Ass'n Building 29 - E. Philadelphia BC, Philadelphia/Parkway BC, Natchez/Forest BC, Forest 26-29 Youth Curriculum Workshops; 7-9:30 p.m. (CT) 26 - Calvary BC, Greenville/Emmanuel BC, Grenada/FBC, Columbus 27 - FBC, Durant/FBC, Macon/FBC, Tutwiler 29 - FBC, Greenwood/FBC, Louisville 29-31 Prayer for Spiritual Awakening; Main Street BC, Hattiesburg; 7 p.m., 29th-noon, 31st (EVAN) 30-31 State Instrumental Festival; MC, Clinton; 7 p.m., 30th-4 p.m., 31st (CM) 30 Apr. 1 BSU Leadership Training Conference; Gulfshore; 4 p.m., 30th-11 p.m., 1st (SW) 30-31 Campers on Missions Spring Rally; Boone's Camp, Columbia; 7 p.m., 30th-noon, 1st (CoMi) 31 Crusader Day; Mississippi College, Clinton; 9 a.m.-4 p.m. (BRO)	30 State Bible Drill; 4:30-7 p.m. (CT) FBC, Baldwin/FBC, Batesville <b>MAY '84</b> 1-4 State Bible Drill; 4:30-7 p.m. (CT) 1 - FBC, Columbus; FBC, Greenville 3 - FBC, Kosciusko; FBC, Pascagoula 4 - Temple BC, Hattiesburg; Poplar Springs Drive BC, Meridian 4-5 Chaplains Retreat; Gulfshore Assembly; 5 p.m., 4th-3 p.m., 5th (CoMi) 5 State Bible Drill; 2-5 p.m. (CT) Colonial Heights BC, Jackson/Alta Woods BC, Jackson 6 Christian Home Sunday (CAC Emphasis) 6-13 Christian Home Week (CAC Emphasis) 8 Associational Planning Workshop; Alta Woods BC, Jackson; 9:30 a.m.-3 p.m. (PD) 9-11 Baptist Building At Home Days 11-12 Adult Campcraft Training Conference; Central Hills Retreat; 5 p.m., 11th-noon, 12th (BRO) 12 Mississippi Baptist Ham Meeting; Baptist Building; 10 a.m.-2 p.m. (BRO) 12 Youth Speakers' Tournament State Finals; Calvary BC, Jackson; 10 a.m.-noon (CT) 12 Youth Bible Drill Selection Tournament; Calvary BC, Jackson; 1-6 p.m. (CT) 14-18 I Senior Adult Conference; Gulfshore Assembly (CT) 18-19 Retreat for Mentally Retarded, Their Parents, & Teachers; Camp Garaywa; 5:30 p.m., 18th-4 p.m., 19th (CT) 18-20 Single Adult Conference; Gulfshore Assembly (CAC) 21-23 Better Biblical Preaching & Worship Conference; 9 a.m.-4 p.m. (CAPM) 21 - Covington/Jeff Davis Associational Office 22 - Emmanuel BC, Greenwood 23 - East Heights BC, Tupelo 21-25 II Senior Adult Conference; Gulfshore Assembly (CT) 21-27 Associational Emphasis Week (HMB Emphasis) 25-26 Baptist Women Retreat; Camp Garaywa; 2:30 p.m., 25th-2:30 p.m., 26th (WMU) 27 Associational Emphasis Sunday (HMB Emphasis) 27 Christian Peacemaking Sunday (CAC Emphasis) 28-29 Rural and Small Church Evangelism Conference; 4-9 p.m. (EVAN) 28 - FBC, Calhoun City 29 - Prentiss BC, Prentiss	2-6 GA Camp; Camp Garaywa; 10 a.m., 2nd-noon, 6th (WMU) 3-7 Family Enrichment Conference; Gulfshore Assembly (CAC) 5-6 Baptist Building At Home Days 9d11 Pastor/Church Staff Conference; Gulfshore Assembly (CAPM) 9-11 Church Recreation Conference; Gulfshore Assembly (CT) 9-13 RA Camp; Central Hills Retreat; 10 a.m., 9th-noon, 13th (BRO) 9-13 GA Camp; Camp Garaywa; 10 a.m., 9th-noon, 13th (WMU) 12-16 Young Musicians Conference; Gulfshore Assembly (CM) 13-14 Lad-Dad Weekend; Central Hills Retreat; 2 p.m., 13th-1 p.m., 14th (BRO) 16-20 I Youth Music Conference; Gulfshore Assembly (CM) 16-20 RA Camp; Central Hills Retreat; 10 a.m., 16th-noon, 20th (BRO) 16-20 GA Camp; Camp Garaywa; 10 a.m., 16th-noon, 20th (WMU) 18-21 National Acteens Convention (WMU) 20-21 Lad-Dad Weekend; Central Hills Retreat; 2 p.m., 20th-1 p.m., 21st (BRO) 20-24 II Youth Music Conference; Gulfshore Assembly (CM) 23-27 RA Camp; Central Hills Retreat; 10 a.m., 23rd-noon, 27th (BRO) 23-27 GA Camp; Camp Garaywa; 10 a.m., 23rd-noon, 27th (WMU) 25-28 Music Leadership Conference; Gulfshore Assembly (CM) 26-31 WMU Conference; Glorieta Assembly (WMU) Aug. 1 I Sunday School Leadership Conference; Gulfshore Assembly (SS) Aug. 3 RA Camp; Central Hills Retreat; 10 a.m., 30th-noon, 3rd (BRO) Aug. 3 GA Camp; Camp Garaywa; 10 a.m., 30th-noon, 3rd (WMU)	11 - FBC, West Point; Highland BC, Meridian; FBC, Pearl 13 - FBC, Brookhaven; FBC, Ocean Springs; Temple BC, Hattiesburg Continuing Witness Training; Woodville Heights BC, Jackson; 2 p.m., 10th-11 a.m., 13th (EVAN) 14-15 WMU Houseparty; Gulfshore Assembly; 5:30 p.m., 14th-3 p.m., 15th (WMU) 14-15 Singers' Retreat; Harrisburg BC, Tupelo; 7 p.m., 14th-4 p.m., 15th (CAC) 14-15 Chaplaincy Conference; Camp Garaywa; Noon, 14th-noon, 15th (CoMi) 17-19 Church Growth Seminar; Baptist Building; 2 p.m., 17th-noon, 19th (CAPM, SS, EVAN) 18 Equipping Center Showcase; Harrisburg BC, Tupelo; 9:30 a.m.-9 p.m. (CT) 20 PraisSing '84; City Auditorium, Jackson; 3-9:30 p.m. (CM) 21-22 GA Mother/Daughter Weekend (all ages); 4 p.m., 21st-1 p.m., 22nd (WMU) 21-23 Mississippi Baptist Conference for the Deaf; Camp Garaywa; 8 p.m., 21st-1 p.m., 23rd (CoMi) 23-30 Sunday School Preparation Week (SS Emphasis) 24 Area Video Interpretation Conference; FBC, Hattiesburg; 7-9 p.m. (CAPM) 25 Area Video Interpretation Conference (CAPM) 10 a.m. - 12, Noon - Baptist Building 7-9 p.m. - FBC, Grenada 28-30 Mississippi Baptist Student Convention; Morrison Heights BC, Clinton; 4 p.m., 28th-10 a.m., 30th (SW)
<b>FEBRUARY '84</b> 5 Human Relations Sunday (CAC Emphasis) 6-8 Evangelism/Bible Conference; FBC, Gulfport; 6:30 p.m., 6th-noon, 8th (EVAN & SS) 8-10 Baptist Building At Home Days 12 Race Relations Sunday (CAC Emphasis) 12-18 Focus on WMU (WMU Emphasis) 19-22 Home Missions Study (WMU) 21 Christian Action Commission Seminar; Broadmoor BC, Jackson; 9 a.m.-3 p.m. (CAC) 24-25 Church Recreation Mini-Lab; FBC, Jackson; 6 p.m., 24th-4 p.m., 25th (CT) 25 State Keyboard Festival; Mississippi College, Newton Campus; 9:30 a.m.-3 p.m. (CM)	<b>MARCH '84</b> 1 Pastoral Care Seminar; Baptist Medical Center, Jackson; 9:30 a.m.-3 p.m. (CAC) 2-3 State Handbell Festival, South; William Carey College, Hattiesburg; 7 p.m., 2nd-2:30 p.m., 3rd (CM) 2-4 Acteens Queens Court; Camp Garaywa; 5 p.m., 2nd-noon, 4th (WMU) 4-11 Week of Prayer for Home Missions (WMU Emphasis) 5 Baptist Doctrine Preview Seminar; FBC, Hattiesburg; 9-11:30 a.m. (CT) 6 Baptist Doctrine Preview Seminar; FBC, Grenada; 9-11:30 a.m. (CT) 7-9 Baptist Building At Home Days 8-9 Mississippi Baptist Church Music Conference; Mississippi College, Clinton; 6:30 p.m., 8th-noon, 9th (CM) 9-10 Mississippi Singing Churchmen, Mississippi College, Clinton; 2 p.m., 9th-noon, 10th (CM) 11 Home Missions Day in the Sunday School (SS Emphasis) 11-18 Youth Week (CT Emphasis) 17 Associational Youth Night (CT Emphasis) 17 Kindergarten/Day Care Clinic; Woodville Heights BC, Jackson; 9 a.m.-4 p.m. (CAPM) 17 Missions Day Camping Conference; Camp Garaywa; 10 a.m.-2 p.m. (WMU) 19-20 WMU Convention; FBC, Hattiesburg; 7 p.m., 19th-9 p.m., 20th (WMU) 19-22 Vacation Bible School Clinic; 9:30 a.m.-3 p.m. (SS) 19 - FBC, Greenville; 20 - FBC, Senatobia; 21 - Harrisburg BC, Tupelo; 22 - FBC, Louisville 22-23 Fellowship of Professional Preschool & Children's Workers; Baptist Building; 6 p.m., 22nd-noon, 23rd (CT) 23 Baptist Men's Rally; Parkway BC, Jackson; 5:30 p.m. (BRO) 23-24 State Handbell Festival, North; FBC, Oxford; 7 p.m., 23rd-2:30 p.m., 24th (CM) 25 "Launch Year of Cooperative Program" Day (Stew. Emphasis in each church) 26-27 Preschool-Children's Curriculum Workshop; 7-9:30 p.m. (CT)	<b>APRIL '84</b> 4-6 Baptist Building At Home Days 5 New Staff Orientation; Baptist Building; 9:30 a.m.-3 p.m. 6 Young Musicians' Adjudication; Woodville Heights BC, Jackson; 7-9:30 p.m. (CM) 6-7 GA Mother/Daughter Weekend (Grades 1-3); Camp Garaywa; 4 p.m., 6th-1 p.m., 7th (WMU) 6-7 Singers' Retreat; Temple BC, Hattiesburg; 7 p.m., 6th-4 p.m., 7th (CAC) 7 State Young Musicians' Festival; Mississippi College, Clinton; 9 a.m.-2:30 p.m. (CM) 9 "Reach, Involve, Teach" Meeting; 7-9:30 p.m. (SS) FBC, Corinth; Emmanuel BC, Grenada; FBC, Kosciusko; FBC, Senatobia; FBC, Greenwood 10 "Reach, Involve, Teach" Meeting; 7-9:30 p.m. (SS) Lowery Memorial BC, Blue Mountain; FBC, Calhoun City; North Oxford BC, Oxford; FBC, Philadelphia; FBC, Greenville 12 "Reach, Involve, Teach" Meeting; 7-9:30 p.m. (SS) Calvary BC, Tupelo; FBC, Yazoo City; Ridgecrest BC, Jackson; FBC, Clarksdale; FBC, West Point 13-14 Church Drama Festival; Highland BC, Meridian; 6 p.m., 13th-4 p.m., 14th (CT) 13-14 GA Mother/Daughter Weekend (All ages); Camp Garaywa; 4 p.m., 13th-1 p.m., 14th (WMU) 15 Day of Commitment for "Declaration of Cooperation" (Stew. Emphasis) 16-20 Baptist Doctrine Study (CT Emphasis) 16 "Reach, Involve, Teach" Meeting; 7-9:30 p.m. (SS) FBC, Pascagoula; FBC, McComb; West Laurel BC, Laurel; FBC, Lucedale; FBC, Crystal Springs 16-17 Secretaries' Conference; Baptist Building; 12:30 p.m., 16th-11:45 a.m., 17th (CAPM) 17 "Reach, Involve, Teach" Meeting; 7-9:30 p.m. (SS) FBC, Picayune; FBC, Mendenhall; FBC, Brookhaven; Poplar Springs Drive BC, Meridian 19 "Reach, Involve, Teach" Meeting; 7-9:30 p.m. (SS) FBC, Long Beach; Forest BC, Forest; Temple BC, Hattiesburg; FBC, Natchez; FBC, Vicksburg 20-21 Youth Missions Conference; Gulfshore Assembly; 3 p.m., 20th-3 p.m., 21st (BRO) 27-28 Associational WMU Officer Training; Camp Garaywa; 5:30 p.m., 27th-3 p.m., 28th (WMU) 27-28 Language Missions Leadership Conference; First Indian Church, Jackson Association; Noon, 27th-noon, 28th (CoMi) 27-28 Music Reading/Composer & Arranger Symposium; Parkway BC, Jackson; 10 a.m., 27th-3 p.m., 28th (CM) May 6 Senior Adult Week (CT Emphasis)	<b>JUNE '84</b> 1-5 II Youth Conference; Gulfshore Assembly (MBCB) 3 Religious Liberty Sunday (CAC Emphasis) 4-6 Baptist Building At Home Days 4-8 RA Camp; Central Hills Retreat; 10 a.m., 4th-noon, 8th (BRO) 4-8 Acteens Camp; Camp Garaywa; 10 a.m., 4th-noon, 8th (WMU) 5-9 III Youth Conference; Gulfshore Assembly (MBCB) 11-15 IV Youth Conference; Gulfshore Assembly (MBCB) 11-15 RA Camp; Central Hills Retreat; 10 a.m., 11th-noon, 15th (BRO) 11-15 GA Camp; Camp Garaywa; 10 a.m., 11th-noon, 15th (WMU) 12-14 Southern Baptist Convention; Kansas City, MO 15-19 V Youth Conference; Gulfshore Assembly (MBCB) 18-22 RA Camp; Central Hills Retreat; 10 a.m., 18th-noon, 22nd (BRO) 18-22 GA Camp; Camp Garaywa; 10 a.m., 18th-noon, 22nd (WMU) 19-23 VI Youth Conference; Gulfshore Assembly (MBCB) 22-23 Lad-Dad Weekend; Central Hills Retreat; 2 p.m., 22nd-1 p.m., 23rd (BRO) 23-27 VII Youth Conference; Gulfshore Assembly (MBCB) 25-29 RA Camp; Central Hills Retreat; 10 a.m., 25th-noon, 29th (BRO) 25-29 GA Camp; Camp Garaywa; 10 a.m., 25th-noon, 29th (WMU) 26-27 WMU Conference; Ridgecrest Assembly (WMU) 28-29 VIII Youth Conference; Gulfshore Assembly (MBCB) <b>JULY '84</b> 1 Christian Citizenship Sunday (CAC Emphasis) RA Camp; Central Hills Retreat; 10 a.m., 2nd-noon, 6th (BRO)	Aug. 3 GA Camp; Camp Garaywa; 10 a.m., 30th-noon, 3rd (WMU) <b>AUGUST '84</b> 2-4 II Sunday School Leadership Conference; Gulfshore Assembly (SS) 6-8 III Sunday School Leadership Conference; Gulfshore Assembly (SS) 6-10 RA Camp; Central Hills Retreat; 10 a.m., 6th-noon, 10th (BRO) 8-10 Baptist Building At Home Days 9-11 IV Sunday School Leadership Conference; Gulfshore Assembly (SS) 11-15 Youth Disciple Conference; Gulfshore Assembly (CT) 12 Language Missions Day (CoMi Emphasis) 13-15 WMU Leadership Training; Camp Garaywa (WMU) 13 & 14-9:30 a.m.-2 p.m. and 7-9 p.m. 15-9:30 a.m.-2 p.m. 13-17 Royal Ambassador Staff Week; Central Hills Retreat; 10 a.m., 13th-noon, 17th (BRO) 14 Kindergarten / Day Care Clinic; FBC, Houston; 9 a.m.-4 p.m. (CAPM) 15-18 Church Training Leadership Conference; Gulfshore Assembly (CT) 15-18 Special Education Conference; Gulfshore Assembly (CT) 16 WMU Leadership Training; FBC, Batesville; 9:30 a.m.-2 p.m. and 7-9 p.m. (WMU) 18 Associational Officers Training Clinic; FBC, Oxford; 9 a.m.-12:30 p.m. (PD) 20 Associational Officers Training Clinic; Crossgates BC, Brandon; 6:30-9:30 p.m. (PD) 20-22 III Senior Adult Conference; Gulfshore Assembly (CT) 21 Associational Officers Training Clinic; FBC, Winona; 6:30-9:30 p.m. (PD) 23-25 IV Senior Adult Conference; Gulfshore Assembly (CT) 25 Associational Officers Training Clinic; FBC, Columbia; 9 a.m.-12:30 p.m. (PD) 28-29 WMU Leadership Training; Temple BC, Hattiesburg (WMU) 28 - 7-9 p.m.; 29 - 9:30 a.m.-2 p.m. 30 WMU Leadership Training; FBC, Natchez; 9:30 a.m.-2 p.m. and 7-9 p.m. (WMU)	<b>OCTOBER '84</b> 1-2 Pastors' Retreat; Camp Garaywa 10 a.m., 1st-4 p.m., 2nd (CAPM) 3-5 Baptist Building At Home Days 4 New Staff Orientation; Baptist Building; 9:30 a.m.-3 p.m. 4-5 Handbell Leadership Seminar; 10 a.m.-5 p.m. (CM) 4 - (North) FBC, Grenada 5 - (South) Petal-Harvey BC, Jackson 5-6 Baptist Young Women Retreat; Camp Garaywa; 6 p.m., 5th-3 p.m., 6th (WMU) 7 World Hunger Day (CAC Emphasis) 8-9 Church Training Workshops; in each association (CT) 8-10 V Sunday School Leadership Conference; Gulfshore Assembly (SS) 11-13 VI Sunday School Leadership Conference; Gulfshore Assembly (SS) 12-13 Disaster Relief Training; Central Hills Retreat; 6 p.m., 12th-2 p.m., 13th (BRO) 19-20 Church Library/Media Conference; Baptist Building; Noon, 19th-noon, 20th (SS) 22-25 Area Secretaries Conference; 9 a.m.-3 p.m. (CAPM) 22 - FBC, Wiggins; 23 - FBC, Hazlehurst; 24 - FBC, Indianola; 25 - West Heights BC, Pontotoc 28 High Attendance Day in Sunday School (SS Emphasis) 29-30 Senior Adult Choir and Handbell Festival; Broadmoor BC, Jackson; 10 a.m., 29th-2:30 p.m., 30th (CT & CM)
<b>DECEMBER '83</b> 1-2 Area Coordinators Specialized Training; Central Hills; Noon, 1st-3 p.m., 2nd (BRO) 4-11 Week of Prayer for Foreign Missions and Lottie Moon Christmas Offering (WMU Emphasis) 5 Bible Drill Clinic; 7-9 p.m. (CT) Grace Memorial BC, Gulfport; FBC, Beaumont; FBC, Magee; Baptist Center, Meridian; FBC, Columbia 5-6 Preaching Conference; Broadmoor BC, Jackson; 2 p.m., 5th-3:30 p.m., 6th (CAPM) 6 Bible Drill Clinic; 7-9 p.m. (CT) FBC, Poplarville; Highland BC, Laurel; FBC, Lucedale; Forest BC, Forest; Associational Bldg., Philadelphia 8 Bible Drill Clinic; 7-9 p.m. (CT) South McComb BC, McComb; Baptist Center, Natchez; FBC, Yazoo City; Woodland Hills BC, Jackson; FBC, Crystal Springs 11 Foreign Missions Day in Sunday School (SS Emphasis) 29-30 Youth Evangelism Conference; MC Coliseum; 1 p.m., 29th-5 p.m., 30th (EVAN)	<b>NOVEMBER '83</b> 1 Student Day at the Baptist Building; 10 a.m.-3 p.m. (CoMi) 4-10 Royal Ambassador Emphasis Week (BRO) 7-9 Baptist Building At Home Days 9-10 Acteens Mother/Daughter Weekend; Camp Garaywa; 5 p.m., 9th-3 p.m., 10th (WMU) 12-14 Mississippi Baptist State Convention; FBC, Jackson 18-21 Foreign Mission Study (WMU Emphasis) 19 Associational "M" Night (CT Emphasis) 26-30 MasterLife Workshop; Baptist Building; 6 p.m., 26th-noon, 30th (CT)	<b>NOVEMBER '84</b> 2-9 Week of Prayer for Foreign Missions (WMU Emphasis) 3-6 Bible Drill Clinic; 7-9 p.m. (CT) 3 - Oakland BC, Corinth; FBC, Holly Springs; FBC, Amory 4 - FBC, Philadelphia; FBC, Eupora; FBC, Lexington 6 - FBC, Shaw; FBC, Bruce; Sumner BC, Sumner 3-4 Preaching Conference; FBC, Louisville; 2 p.m., 3rd-3:30 p.m., 4th (CAPM) 6-7 Area Coordinators Specialized Training; Central Hills Retreat; Noon, 6th-3 p.m., 7th (BRO) 9 Foreign Missions Day in Sunday School (SS Emphasis) 27-28 Youth Evangelism Conference; Mississippi College; 1 p.m., 27th-4:45 p.m., 28th (EVAN)	<b>DECEMBER '84</b> 2-9 Week of Prayer for Foreign Missions (WMU Emphasis) 3-6 Bible Drill Clinic; 7-9 p.m. (CT) 3 - Oakland BC, Corinth; FBC, Holly Springs; FBC, Amory 4 - FBC, Philadelphia; FBC, Eupora; FBC, Lexington 6 - FBC, Shaw; FBC, Bruce; Sumner BC, Sumner 3-4 Preaching Conference; FBC, Louisville; 2 p.m., 3rd-3:30 p.m., 4th (CAPM) 6-7 Area Coordinators Specialized Training; Central Hills Retreat; Noon, 6th-3 p.m., 7th (BRO) 9 Foreign Missions Day in Sunday School (SS Emphasis) 27-28 Youth Evangelism Conference; Mississippi College; 1 p.m., 27th-4:45 p.m., 28th (EVAN)	<b>SEPTEMBER '84</b> 2-3 Brotherhood Leadership Week (BRO Emphasis) Baptist Building At Home Days 5-7 Disciple Youth Workshop; 6 p.m., 7th-noon, 8th (CT) FBC, Gulfport/Parkway BC, Jackson/W. Laurel BC, Laurel 9 Foreign Mission Week of Prayer in Sunday School (SS Emphasis) 9 Single Adult Sunday (CAC Emphasis) 10-13 Area Brotherhood Leadership Training; 7-9 p.m. (BRO) 10 - FBC, Senatobia; FBC, New Albany; Immanuel BC, Greenwood	<b>NOVEMBER '84</b> 1 Student Day at the Baptist Building; 10 a.m.-3 p.m. (CoMi) 4-10 Royal Ambassador Emphasis Week (BRO) 7-9 Baptist Building At Home Days 9-10 Acteens Mother/Daughter Weekend; Camp Garaywa; 5 p.m., 9th-3 p.m., 10th (WMU) 12-14 Mississippi Baptist State Convention; FBC, Jackson 18-21 Foreign Mission Study (WMU Emphasis) 19 Associational "M" Night (CT Emphasis) 26-30 MasterLife Workshop; Baptist Building; 6 p.m., 26th-noon, 30th (CT)



# Conferences are set for bivocational ministers

Six regional conferences for bivocational ministers are set beginning May 6 and concluding Sept. 24. The six conferences, which are designed for ministers who hold additional secular jobs and for all directors of missions, will take place at Mize, Caledonia, Batesville, West, Nesbit, and Tylertown.

All meetings will begin at 6 p.m. on Friday with a complimentary dinner. Dates and places for the meetings are May 6-7, Union Church, Mize; June 24-25, Kolola Springs Church, Caledonia; Sept. 2-3, Curtis Union Church, Batesville; Sept. 9-10, Union Church, West; Sept. 16-17, First Church, Nesbit; and Sept. 23-24, Dinan Church, Tylertown.

Hollis Bryant, coordinator of the meetings, is consultant for the Cooperative Missions Department of the Mississippi Baptist Convention Board.

Bivocational ministers and directors of missions who plan to attend the meetings need to contact one of the fol-

lowing directors of missions who are handling local arrangements a week ahead of the meeting date: Billy Ballard, Smith Association; J. C. Mitchell, Clay, Lowndes, and Oktibbeha; G. E. Jolly, Panola; Levon Moore, Attala; Ervin Brown, Northwest; and George Lee, Lawrence, Marion, and Walthall.

## Youths win 135

TAICHUNG, Taiwan—Nearly 100 Chinese high-school and college students "invaded" two Taichung city parks in February, leading 135 people in prayer to receive Christ. The young Baptists shared the gospel with more than 500 people in the parks, a nearby business district and a hospital. More than 260 people filled out follow-up cards; 77 agreed to enroll in classes to learn more about Christianity. The event was the highlight of the Chinese Baptist Winter Youth Conference, jointly sponsored Feb. 6-10 by Taiwan and Missouri Baptists.



## Illinois Mission Thrust

During spring holidays the Jones County Junior College Baptist Student Union "Illinois Mission Thrust" advance team, (l to r) John Sumner, Jr., BSU director, Jim Huff, Sandra King, Dale Jenkins, Freda McCarty, and ensemble director, Mike Miller, went to Parish Park Baptist Church, Marion, Ill., to make plans for mission work there May 30-June 5. The team, which will be made up of these and 12 others, will help Parish Park with Vacation Bible School, Backyard Bible Clubs, and surveys. There are four parks and several trailer parks in the area of the church.

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## Evangelists' gatherings

AMSTERDAM (EP)—More than 3,000 evangelists with a majority from Third World countries, are expected to meet here July 12-21 for an international conference sponsored by evangelist Billy Graham.

Besides Graham, major speakers include: Luis Palau, a Hispanic evangelist from Portland, Oregon, on the ethics of evangelists; Bill Bright, president of Campus Crusade for Christ, San Bernardino, Calif., on the Holy Spirit's role in evangelism; Anglican bishop Festo Kivengere of Uganda on peace and reconciliation; Paul Yonggi Cho, pastor of a Pentecostal church in Seoul, Korea, with well over 150,000 members (reputedly the world's largest church), on faith; Pat Robertson, president of Christian Broadcasting Network, Virginia Beach, Va., on media in evangelism; Leighton Ford, a Graham associate, on the Great Commission; and Charles "Chuck" Colson, president of Prison Fellowship, suburban Washington, D. C., on prison evangelism.

## \$2 million to UN

RICHMOND, Va. (BP)—The University of Richmond has been given \$2 million by Mr. and Mrs. W. Dorth Oldham.

He is a Nashville business executive who is a trustee and former student of the University. Oldham is a member of Westminster Presbyterian Church in Nashville.

The gift, the second largest financial commitment from an individual donor in the history of the university, will be used to initiate a new merit scholarship program to be known as the Oldham Scholars Program.

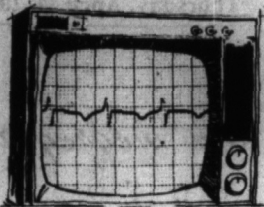
## Measles vaccine comes too late

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for the summer, spent weeks driving the mission Land-Rover and filling syringes.

The missionary couple found it takes five volunteers working constantly to keep up with one person injecting vaccine. They hope to get an immunization "gun" in the future so medical personnel can move more quickly through the long lines of waiting children.

Help came too late for one woman and her sick child. David and Scott Whitson were driving to a clinic when the frantic woman waved them down. She had walked eight miles to get her sick child to the clinic. She had heard about the medicine missionaries had brought. Whitson explained that the medicine was to prevent measles, not to cure the disease. They drove on to a hospital, but the child was pronounced dead on arrival.

(Evelyn Knapp is a HMB press representative in Tanzania.)



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## Have a question?

The purpose of this column as started in September 1982, is to discuss questions concerning family needs. This week we do not have a question. Do you have one? If so, it may be the very one some other reader would like comment on. It was also stated that the

column would run for several months, depending on the interest of the readers.

You may address your question or comment to Intensive Care, Baptist Record, Box 530, Jackson, Ms 39205.

## Mississippi Baptist Activities

- Apr. 17 Tithing Demonstration Day (Stewardship Emphasis)
- Apr. 18 State Bible Drills; FBC, Booneville; 4:00-7 p.m. (CT) Preschool/Children Seminars; Broadmoor BC, Jackson; 4-9 p.m. (SS)
- Apr. 18-22 Baptist Doctrine Study (CT Emphasis)
- Apr. 19 State Bible Drills; FBC, Starkville; 4:00-7 p.m. (CT) Preschool/Children Seminars; FBC, McComb; 4-9 p.m. (SS)
- Apr. 21 State Bible Drills; FBC, Meridian; 4:00-7 p.m. (CT) Preschool/Children Seminars; FBC, Cleveland; 4-9 p.m. (SS)
- Apr. 22 State Bible Drills; Main Street BC, Hattiesburg; 4:00-7 p.m. (CT) Preschool/Children Seminars; FBC, Batesville; 4-9 p.m. (SS)
- Apr. 22-23 GA Mother/Daughter Weekend; Camp Garaywa, Clinton; 4 p.m., 22nd-1 p.m., 23rd (WMU)
- Apr. 23 Crusader Ambassador Congress; Central Hills Retreat, Kosciusko; 9 a.m.-4 p.m. (South Mississippi) (BRO)

## Jackson religious leaders schedule lay clergy retreat

"Involvement in Social Action" is the topic of a Lay/Clergy Retreat being sponsored by the Mississippi Religious Leadership Conference. The retreat will be held Tues. Apr. 26, from 9:30 a.m. until 3 p.m. at Temple Beth Israel, 5315 Old Canton Road, Jackson.

During the morning session, Bishop C. P. Minnick, Jr. will deliver an address on the Biblical foundations for social action. A panel, including Paul C. Jones, executive director, Christian Action Commission, Mississippi Baptist Convention; Owen Brooks of the Delta Ministry; Cathy Wells of Millsaps College; Rims Barber of the Children's Defense Fund; Rabbi Richard Bernholz of Temple Beth Israel; and Don Govan of Voice of Calvary Ministries, will respond to the bishop's message.

Following lunch at Temple Beth Israel, Jack Loflin will lead a small group exercise designed to help lay people and clergy examine their commitment to social involvement and the consequences of the various activities that they choose.

The afternoon will close with a brief worship period led by Bishop William R. Houck of the Catholic Diocese of Mississippi.

The Lay/Clergy Retreat is open to

## Marguerite McCall dies Easter morning

LOUISVILLE, Ky. (BP)—Marguerite Mullinix McCall, 68, wife of Duke K. McCall, chancellor of Southern Baptist Theological Seminary, died Easter morning of a stroke. She had undergone successful surgery to replace a heart valve earlier on March 3 and had been on medication to regulate her heart beat.

She was a native of Greenville, S.C. and met her husband while both were students at Furman University. Reared a Presbyterian, she was the first person her newly ordained husband baptized. Survivors include four sons: Duke Jr., who is an attorney in Greenville, S.C.; and Douglas, a dentist; John Richard, an attorney and a member of the SBC Executive Committee; and Michael, a physician, all of Louisville.

She was a founding member of the Woman's Committee of Southern Seminary and was active in Broadway Baptist Church.

Burial was in Cave Hill Cemetery where the seminary has two official plots for its presidents and for the faculty. The funeral was held at 2:30 p.m. April 5 at Broadway Baptist Church in Louisville.

The family has requested that expressions of sympathy take the form of contributions to the Marguerite McCall professorship fund which has been established at Southern Seminary.

## Seminarians will sing in Mississippi

NEW ORLEANS—The New Orleans Seminary all male choir "The Seminarians" will appear in three concerts in Mississippi, Apr. 19-20. The troupe is directed by Clint Nichols and will be accompanied by Scott Sontag. Linda Shipley will be the featured piano soloist. Nichols, former tenor with the New York City opera, will sing with the group and as a soloist.

On April 19 the group will perform at 9:30 a.m. on the campus of William Carey College in Hattiesburg. At 7 that evening "The Seminarians" will perform at Morrison Heights Church in Clinton. At 10 a.m. Wednesday, April 20, the group will sing for chapel services on the campus of Mississippi College, Clinton.

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the public. There will be no registration fee. The cost of lunch will be \$3.00.

William P. Davis, Jackson, is executive secretary of the Mississippi Religious Leadership Conference.

## Reception will honor Gambrell

A reception April 21 at the Baptist Bookstore in downtown Jackson will honor T. L. Gambrell, the manager of the book store, who will begin his retirement that day.

The reception will be held from 9:30 to 11:30 in the morning. The Baptist Bookstore in Jackson is located at the corner of Amite and President Streets.

Gambrell has worked with the Jackson book store for eight years. He has been employed by the Baptist Sunday School Board for ten years.

He and his wife are members of First Baptist Church, Clinton. They plan after retirement to move to Arkansas, he said, where he plans to manage a farm owned by their daughter.

## Pollard will remain host of 'Baptist Hour'

FORT WORTH, Tex.—Frank Pollard, newly elected president of Golden Gate Baptist Theological Seminary, will continue to host the "Baptist Hour" radio program for the Radio and Television Commission.

"We've decided to hold in place the 'Baptist Hour' format and Dr. Pollard has agreed to continue to speak for the time being," said RTVC president Jimmy R. Allen.

Pollard, former pastor of First Baptist Church, Jackson, Miss., has hosted the RTVC flagship radio program since 1975. It is heard weekly on 362 radio stations in the United States.

Pollard will commute here several times a year to record the programs. The arrangement, which has the approval of the seminary trustees, will be reevaluated by all those involved later in the year, Allen said.

Pollard also will remain host of "At Home With The Bible." That program is viewed on 43 television stations and heard on 135 radio stations each week.

## Hams will meet on April 23

The Mississippi Baptist Hams (MBH) Fellowship will meet from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m., Saturday, April 23, at the Baptist Building, in Jackson. This fellowship, which has the goals of providing emergency communications support during disasters and of providing "phone patch" support of foreign missionaries, was established in early 1982 and has more than 50 members in several Southeastern states.

At the meeting officers for 1983-84 will be elected, discussions will be held on mission activities, and disaster relief training, and amateur radio gear in the Baptist Building will be demonstrated. A box lunch will be provided, at a cost of \$3.50 per person. Reservations need to be made through the Brotherhood department, Box 530, Jackson, Miss., 39205, or phone 968-3800.

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## Editorials

by don mcgregor

## The right of assembly

Finally someone has filed a bill regarding religious assemblies that I agree with 100 percent. That is, according to what I know about it, I agree with it.

Sen. Mark Hatfield of Oregon has filed a bill in the U.S. Senate that would prevent public secondary schools from forbidding public school students to hold voluntary, student-initiated religious meetings.

The bill is S. 815. It forbids any public secondary school which receives federal financial assistance and allows

students to meet during non-instructional periods to discriminate against meetings of students on the basis of the content of the speech at such meetings, according to the Baptist Joint Committee on Public Affairs. It also allows students to take school officials to federal court if such meetings are not permitted.

The bill specifies that it is not meant to permit the government to influence the form or content of any prayer or religious activity or to require student participation.

The only point at which I might dis-

agree is in that the bill allows a school district to deny such meetings to religious groups if they deny them to everyone else. I suppose that is necessary. I could wish that the meetings could not be denied anybody, religious or not. Then the religious group would be assured of the opportunity of meetings.

The Supreme Court has ruled that public universities cannot deny the use of campus facilities by student religious groups. Lower courts, however, have continued to rule that students in

high school could not be afforded the same privilege. And the Supreme Court has refused to hear the appeals from such cases.

I hope the Hatfield bill is passed. Perhaps it would straighten out a bad situation. There is certainly nothing in the U.S. Constitution to prevent students from holding such meetings. It does say the teacher cannot force the students to meet for religious purposes.

Perhaps S. 815 is what we have been needing.

## The homosexual church

A great deal is being spread about concerning the idea of a group of homosexuals in Jackson beginning a church. The discussion, as would be expected, is coming from opposite sides of the pole. Not a few of those who have been a part of the discussion feel that homosexuals should not begin a situation for worship purposes. Others declare that they have every right to do so and should be allowed to begin a church.

Perhaps there is a point or two that have gone unnoticed. Perhaps not, but let's examine a fact or two and see if any light is shed.

First, there doesn't seem to be much of a way that the homosexuals could be

stopped if they really want to establish a church. They might even find one of their own to be the pastor. Even if they don't find another of like kind as pastor, it is possible that someone else would take the opportunity of preaching to such a group that has openly embraced a sinful lifestyle. After all, where would the gospel find a more needy audience than this? And the participants would be present under willful circumstances.

When it gets to that point, however, a penetrating question needs to be asked. Do these folks want to start a church to try to find the love of God and to seek to live according to his will, or are they just trying to establish wor-

ship services that would be held with eyes closed to the avowed position of the participants?

If the latter is the case, it will be no church anyway. It will be just a gathering of homosexuals for vain babblings that mean nothing. If the hope is to find the love of God and make it a part of their lives, the church should not last long unless those who have found that love and have let it straighten out their lives would stay to help others find the same experience.

One of the strange situations about homosexuals is that they openly flaunt a sinful lifestyle. To declare oneself as a homosexual is to admit to living in active sexual sin. The heterosexuals

who live in such sinful circumstances rarely say anything about it.

If the homosexuals want to start a church, they should examine carefully their motive for doing so. If it would be for the purpose of finding the pathway of righteousness, it certainly should be a very worthwhile endeavor.

And maybe it would be well for the rest of us to give thought to why we are a part of a church. Are we more comfortable if all eyes are closed to some conditions that are to be found among the congregation, particularly involving us? If church gatherings are to us only occasions to see and be seen and not to seek the face of God, then we, too, have missed the point.

## Guest opinion. . . .

## Church members can strengthen families

By J. Clark Hensley  
Recently the Baptist Record carried my article on "How the Pastor Can Strengthen Families" (Mar. 26, '83). Here follow a few observations on what church members may do.

It is important that church members understand the pastor's role in strengthening families. He can positionize the family in the church by setting the proper example in giving his own family first place. He can preach and plan programs with church leaders designed to assist families to function better. He can be available to help in crisis times. He needs your prayers and support.

Church members must learn to plan and work to give their own families priority. Wayne Grant says, "L-O-V-E

is spelled T-I-M-E in the family." The family is the Lord's work, too. There should be no competition between the church and the family but sometimes the church program is so scheduled to segment rather than support families and choices need be made. More often, however, it is other 'good things' in the community or school that sap too much energy and time from the family. The good becomes the enemy of the best. Time management has become one of the greatest problems of family life today and Christian family stewardship must be practiced.

However, the church member will support as much as possible the regular on-going church activities that help strengthen families such as Bible study, worship, Church Training, mis-

sionary activities, and fellowship opportunities.

Church members may help further by encouraging the pastor and other church leaders to plan for special events, such as Christian Home Week in May, family life enrichment revivals, parenting and grandparenting workshops, marriage enrichment retreats, Senior Adult Week or Day, and Single Adult Sunday.

You may also help by being available if some church or community family needs you. Know your limitations and when to refer to the pastor or some other professional person. Remember the best help you can generally give is to closely listen with prayerful concern for the one confiding in you and

for the family situation being described. Seek assistance yourself when you need it. Most families do, from time to time. It is a mark of strength, not of weakness, to seek help from the pastor, some significant able friend, or a professional person with expertise about your current problem. A tune-up may avoid a breakdown.

Pray for your church family and your own family as you seek God's will daily. Pray that the emphasis of the Bold Mission Thrust in strengthening families will bear much fruit in the life of Southern Baptists.

(J. Clark Hensley is retired executive director, Mississippi Baptist Christian Action Commission.)

## After the flood:

## Helping in Alberdi

By Fran Skinner  
Missionary, Paraguay  
(Editor's note: Southern Baptist missionary Fran Skinner is a veteran of 33 years of work in Paraguay, where Baptists are now joined in partnership with Mississippi Baptists. Recently, she and her husband, missionary physician Bill Skinner, traveled to the flood-ravaged Alberdi area to meet medical needs and distribute food. Here is her memoir of the trip, one of a number of relief efforts initiated in the region by missionaries and Baptists of Paraguay and Argentina.)

First it was discovered that the only other doctor available was female. Then one of the male nurses got sick. So the all-male team changed to an all-female team except for Bill. I was to be the "preacher." We were acting as instruments of the love of God manifested through the generous gifts of Southern Baptists to aid flood victims in Paraguay.

At 5 a.m. on a Thursday morning we dressed, ate breakfast, filled four thermoses with water and one with strong coffee and packed the car for a two-day run. Alberdi is in Paraguay but it was completely cut off by land

because the road from Asuncion (Paraguay's capital city) was flooded.

The only way to get there, except for a 14-hour boat ride, was to cross a bridge into Argentina, drive about 85 miles to the town of Formosa, then cross back over a river to Alberdi. With luck at the police station and the two border check-points the trip can be made in about five hours.

By mid-afternoon we stood on the riverbank in Alberdi with about 800 pounds of food and medical supplies, waiting for a motorboat to carry us to people huddling on isolated islands created by the floods.

The local public health doctor arrived accompanied by a town official and a ranch owner. In an hour a motorboat came chugging up with two young men aboard. All the supplies and nine people were piled into the boat and we took off cruising through the lower part of the town, dodging roofs of houses and zigzagging among the lily pads which have all but covered the area.

We rode for an hour over what once was pasture. The rancher explained that the flood had come gradually, so owners were able to take their cattle "visiting" to fellow ranchers miles away. We ducked as we passed under telephone wires; only the tops of tall palm trees stood out above the water.

The boat slowed and the rancher said, "We are approaching the island where we're headed. We're riding on the top of the road to Asuncion and I'm afraid we're going to have a little problem here." That was an understatement. The water had gone down three feet, leaving a 35-foot stretch of muddy road exposed.

First the men shed their shoes and jumped out. Then into the water the women went. Together we lifted and pushed and lifted and pushed for an hour, finally shoving the boat "over the hill." In another five minutes we arrived at our destination. An oxcart met us and we transferred the supplies. Then we trudged to a school house cleared to serve as our clinic.

The school house was a small room made of split palm trees topped by a thatch roof. The dirt floor was still damp from receding flood waters. Two desks pushed together in the schoolyard served as a pharmacy and nurse station for injections. A cot

made of strips of cowhide stretched over a wood frame was our "distribution center" for food.

The town official with us owned a local radio station which had announced all morning that a team from the Baptist convention was coming with food and medicine. Many people in the area have transistor radios, their only link to the outside world. About 75 people waited for us at the schoolhouse. Many others had given up hope we were coming and left.

The medical workers examined patients and filled prescriptions. Most of the patients had intestinal parasites and anemia; others suffered from respiratory and skin infections, malnutrition, diarrhea.

Each of forty families received a quart of oil, a pound of salt and two pounds each of flour, sugar, rice, beans, tea and spaghetti.

I brought Bible stories to teach the children, but the men and women were just as interested and even joined in singing the simple choruses I taught. They eagerly accepted the gospels and tracts we gave out.

One woman said, "We appreciate these, but we can read them in just a short while and then what? We have questions to ask and no one to answer them. When will you come back?" I had to answer, "I don't know." I promised that when the road opened again someone surely would visit them once a month to talk about the Word of God. I hope that wasn't an empty promise.

Darkness approached. We had to travel back over the same route to Alberdi, then cross the river to Formosa to spend the night, so we said goodbye. Without the food supplies and much of the medicine, the men pushed the boat "over the hill" with little trouble and we were on our way.

We hung our bare foot over the side of the boat so the rushing water could wash away the sticky mud from between our toes. How refreshing that was in the cool twilight after the scorching day!

While we enjoyed the tranquility of the ride the town official said, "Why doesn't the senora teach us a song?" He had listened to the stories and songs back at the school house. We sang simple choruses together and he sang along with us.

All we could see from the boat was

nature. Water flowed everywhere with an occasional palm tree protruding above it. The sunset was beautiful beyond description. As we sang "How Great Thou Art," we felt the very presence of the Lord in the boat with us.

The boatman headed for Alberdi. Before we departed for Formosa that night the town official asked Bill, "Why don't you come down to the radio station in the morning and talk on the air about the work you are doing? I know you don't do it for publicity, but a little of that doesn't hurt." He added, "You could give a spiritual message as well. The people sure could use it."

The mayor was waiting for us when we returned to Alberdi the next morning. While our boat was being loaded with more food and medicine for another trip to the islands, we accompanied him to the radio station. Bill was pushed directly into the studio. The announcer stopped the music, introduced Bill and handed him the microphone.

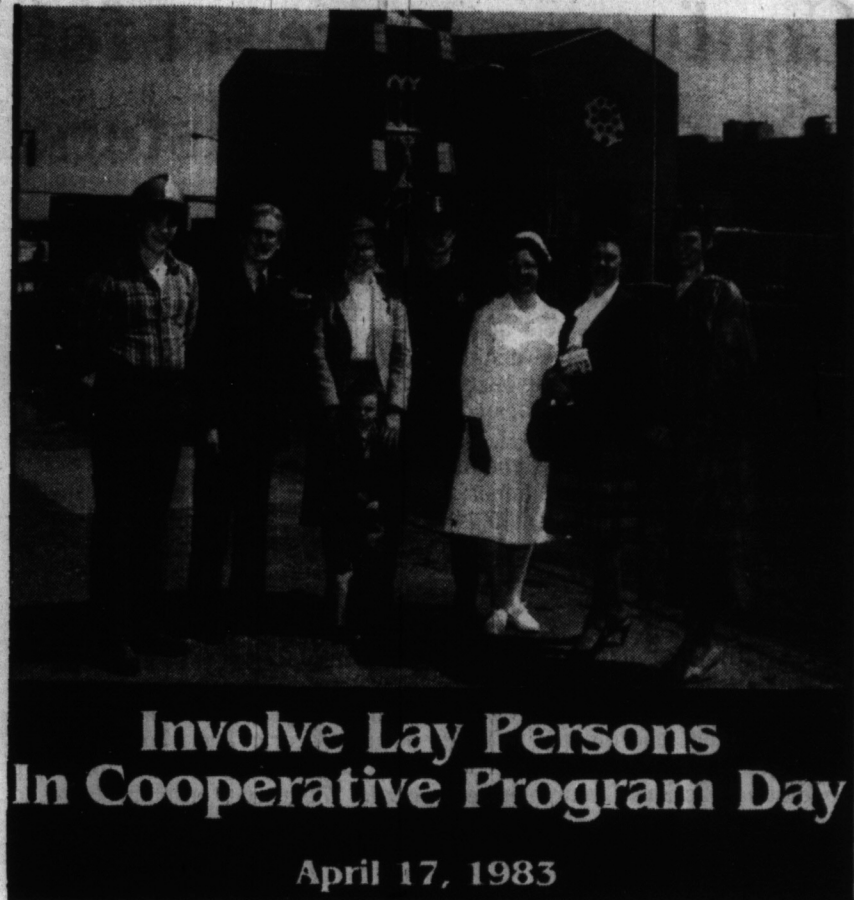
Bill explained our medical and relief ministry. The announcer broke in and said, "Now Dr. Skinner will give us a spiritual message for today." Alberdi is completely Roman Catholic. As far as we know there is no evangelical work, but Baptists have earned the respect of the authorities and the people because of a continuing ministry to the flood victims of the area.

That morning we went to another island, distributed food, saw even more patients and again presented Bible messages. The people asked for more and more tracts; they were hungry for God's Word. We gave them all we had. They came in ox carts, on horses and on foot, lamenting the fact that many couldn't reach us because of the water.

Back in our comfortable mission home, I close my eyes and see images of these long-suffering Paraguayans, driven from their homes by the natural violence that has destroyed their crops and livelihood, stoically awaiting better days, hungry for spiritual food but lacking someone to feed them the Bread of Life.

Will we feed them?

Silence is not always golden; sometimes it's just plain yellow.—Gladys Hunt.



## Faces And Places

By Anne Washburn McWilliams

### "The greatest of these is love"

"The greatest gift a couple can give their children is to let them know that they love each other. Children who know of this love feel secure—know they will never be abandoned."

So said Gulfport marriage and family therapist, Helen Hetrick. In her practice she deals with children who have problems, as well as with couples who are trying to save floundering marriages or who are in the process of divorce, or with persons who are already divorced.

"The hub of the family is the relationship between the husband and the wife," she continued. "A child only acts out what he or she sees in the family. A woman who loves her husband will be a good mother. A woman who is a good wife will be a good mother. She can be a good mother without being a good wife, but she can't be a good wife without being a good mother. And vice versa: A man who loves his wife and is a good husband will be a good father. He can be a good father without being a good husband, but he can't be a good husband without being a good father."

Though children sometimes become the focal point in the home, she pointed out that this is not good.

Dr. Hetrick and I sat facing each other, on the two small, white couches in her office. Five years ago, after receiving a doctoral degree from Auburn University, she set up the practice, a long-time dream, in a wing of her home at 15 Perry Street. She and her husband decorated both home and office suite. The story of how four diplomas came to hang on the wall of her restful blue and green outer office is a story of obstacles overcome.

It took her seven years to get the B.A. degree, three years the master's degree, another year the education specialist degree, and three more years to get the doctorate.

Helen was born in "a Baptist home in Ohio," one of four children. Her father, a laborer who had little opportunity to get a formal education, kept saying, "Kids, you have to get an education."

She married Oakley (Lee) Hetrick, Jr., whom she'd known since fifth grade ("I always liked him," she said). Though both wanted to go to college, "we couldn't afford it," she recalls. Not until they were past 30 and had three sons, David, Donald, and Dale, did they enter night school at San Antonio Junior College in Texas. (I was amazed when she said this; she looks scarcely more than 35 now.)

Though he is now retired from military service, it was her husband's Air Force career that brought them to the Gulf Coast around 1959. After she enrolled at USM, she commuted to Hattiesburg, some quarters 150 miles daily! Often her children accompanied her to the USM campus. "They knew where all the best television sets were, and found all sorts of interesting things like embryos in the science

labs. We'd set a certain time to check back together, and then off they'd go." The two oldest are married now, and the youngest is in the Marines.

In the meantime, she also taught at Gulfport East High School, and was later counselor there. While her husband was in Vietnam, (he also got B.A. and M.A. degrees) she operated a Western Auto store which they had bought.



Helen Hetrick

"I never forgot my father's words: 'You have to get an education,'" she said. When she'd gotten three degrees from USM, and the last of her sons had gone off to college, she felt it was time at last to seek her doctorate. Her husband encouraged her to go ahead. "He told me, 'Put up, or shut up!'" Because USM didn't have all the courses she needed, she moved to Auburn University, 300 miles away. For three years, her husband would drive to Auburn one weekend, and she would drive home to Gulfport the next.

It was clear to me from our conversation that she and he are still very much in love. After all, her parents were her models. Not too long ago, they celebrated their 60th wedding anniversary. "Couples who are both busy should make the time to be together," she said. "Sometimes my husband and I just take a weekend off, say, 'Good-bye, world,' and go somewhere to be alone together."

They are both active in First Baptist Church, Gulfport, where she teaches a Sunday School class for formerly marrieds, called "New Beginnings." She often leads seminars on marriage and family life, and also on death and dying. Next week, April 22 and 23, she and Bill Osborn of the William Carey faculty will lead a divorce adjustment seminar at First Baptist Church, Gulfport.

Outwardly Dr. Helen Hetrick is a beautiful, well-groomed, polished professional. Within she has an empathetic love for those around her. An achiever with many goals, she says her chief goal is this: "that my relationship to God will be reflected in my relationships with my fellow man."

## THE YEAR OF THE TITHE



## Tithing day

In most of our churches in Mississippi, next Sunday is Tithing Demonstration Day. The churches are asking each church family to bring at least a tithe of their income for the week as a demonstration of their faith in God and to see what the churches could do if every member tithed regularly.

This is a time for individuals and leaders in each church to join in this unified demonstration of love for God and commitment to our churches. For some, it may be a new experience. If you have debated the question of tithing but not actually started giving, this will be a good time to take that first step of faith.

Calling the nation to repentance and faith, Malachi said, "Bring the whole tithe into the storehouse, so that there may be food in my house, and test me now in this, says the Lord of hosts, if I

will not open for you the windows of heaven, and pour out for you a blessing until there is no more need. Then I will rebuke the devourer for you, so that it may not destroy the fruits of the ground; nor will your vine in the field cast its grapes, says the Lord of hosts. And all the nations will call you blessed, for you shall be a delightful land, says the Lord of hosts" (Mal. 3:10-12).

Tithing Demonstration Day is a time to test God's promises. You will find that God is himself the guarantor of his promises.

Tithing Demonstration Day can be a time to add a new dimension to your Christian faith. Let God release the goodness of his grace in your life. Join your fellow members in Tithing Demonstration Day!

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# Baylor cancels play, reprimands professor

By Bob Darden  
WACO, Texas (BP)—A recent performance of a Baylor University theater production has resulted in the cancellation of all Baylor performances of the show, the virtual dismissal of a professor, and doubts about the future of the university's interpretive theater program.

Baylor president, Herbert Reynolds, confirmed that James Pearse, associate professor of communication studies, has been reprimanded and recommended to receive a terminal contract after directing "The Moon In Its Flight."

The interpretive theater production drew fire from Reynolds for "vulgar" language and "trashy" content. The production, adapted from a short story by Gilbert Sorrentino, involves the audience in the story of a young man growing up in the late 1940s and his infatuation with a younger girl.

The reprimand comes 20 years to the month since Paul Baker, then chairman of the Baylor drama department, resigned in a dispute with the administration concerning the production of Eugene O'Neill's "Long Day's Journey Into Night" at Baylor.

While Pearse and some students have described the university's action as "censorship," Reynolds disagrees. "I simply believe it is a matter of trying to uphold the high standards of Baylor University with regard to the arts and public presentations we sponsor," he said. "We are trying to combat, I hope, the increasing secularization of human life." Reynolds defined secularization as "the moving away from everything sacred to a position that we do not believe anything is sacred."

The Baylor theater group participated in a North Texas State University festival Feb. 25-26, and Pearse scheduled four performances at Baylor for the following week. Reynolds said he first learned of a possible controversy concerning the production when he received three or four telephone calls after the performance at NTSU.

"They (the callers) said they were appalled at the presentation of the Baylor University group," Reynolds said. "The callers said it was far and away the most vulgar and tasteless or all the productions."

Pearse said "The Moon In Its Flight" received the highest marks from the judges at the festival.

Reynolds said he wrote Pearse an official reprimand. "It is our practice to have the recipient of a reprimand sign to and send it back indicating they understand the reasons for the reprimand. But the reprimand was returned by Pearse with a long disjointed statement on criticism and metafiction that indicated a lack of understanding about the process. It also suggested to me that this was not an individual who should necessarily be employed by Baylor University," Reynolds added.

Pearse said he understood Reynolds' statement but could not sign it because he disagreed with the president's conclusions concerning "The Moon In Its Flight." "I could not sign a letter that stated the script and production of 'The Moon In Its Flight' were tasteless, offensive and trashy as the letter claimed," he said. "They have not seen the production and had only skimmed the script and I felt it was a judgment call on their part."

Under the rules of the American Association of University Professors, a professor entering his third year of employment must receive a full year's notice that his contract is being terminated. This fall Pearse will begin a one-year leave of absence to direct the interpretation division at the University of Hawaii, a position he accepted before "The Moon In Its Flight" was presented.

A subsequent letter to Pearse stated should he return to Baylor in the fall of 1984, his duties would be limited to introductory speech classes. Reynolds said Pearse still has the option of resigning.

(Darden is a staff writer for the Waco Tribune Herald.)



CARROLLTON BAPTIST CHURCH held a recognition service for its Acteens on the theme, "Soaring." Four queens crowned were Amy Edwards, Marchel Beckwith, B. J. Lord, and Robbie Ball. Queen-with-scepter recognized was Kim Perkins. Mrs. F. L. Marshall is the Acteens leader.

## Just for the Record

Real Life Concert Ministries will present Cynthia Clawson, Grammy Award winning singer, in concert Saturday, Apr. 16, at 7 p.m. at USM

Bennett Auditorium. Tickets are \$5 advance and \$6 concert day. They are available at Hattiesburg, Laurel, and Meridian Christian book stores.



ZION HILL CHURCH, WESSON, in Copiah County, dedicated a new family center building on March 13, with 284 persons present. Begun in Nov., 1982, the center was completed in early March. It houses a gym, kitchen, fellowship hall, four Sunday School rooms, two restrooms (marked Sisters and Brothers), and a 50 x 80 recreation area above the Sunday School-fellowship hall area. Labor was mostly donated by church members, and \$30,000 of the \$93,000 cost was raised before construction began. J. Frank Smith, pastor at Zion Hill since Dec., said, "To me the most important thing about this project was the spirit of unity and evangelism that prevailed during the time of construction. While the building was being erected, there were six souls saved, 16 who united with the church by transfer of letter, and one man surrendering to preach."

## Staff Changes

Jimmy Anthony, ordained recently by Calvary Church, Batesville, has accepted the pastorate of Tocowa Baptist Church, Panola County.

Tom Roberson has resigned the pastorate of the Como Church, Panola County, to accept the pastorate of a church in another state.

First Church, Vancleave, has called Patrick Mobley as minister of music and youth. He goes from First Baptist Church, Grand Isle, La. He expects to be graduated from New Orleans Seminary in May, 1983.

Kent Shirley is now serving as pastor at Cleary Baptist Church, Florence. He goes from Walker Hill Baptist Church, Brandon.

Ron Jenkins is the new associate pastor of youth ministry at Magee's Creek Church, Tyertown. He is a native of Clinton, and a student at New Orleans Seminary.

Mt. Vernon Church, Lowndes County, has called Charlie Martin as minister of music and youth.

Mickey Ferguson has resigned as pastor of New Hope Church, Oktibeha Association.

First, Starkville, has called Bob Crutcher, formerly with Mountain Brook Baptist Church, Birmingham, Ala., as minister of education/administration.

Jimmy A. Smith has been called as pastor of Parkway Baptist Church, Kosciusko. He is a native of Booneville. He goes to Parkway from the Okolona Baptist Church, Hatton, Ala.

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## McComb passes record high

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Frank Halbert, Sunday School director, announced the results of this attendance campaign. The church had 857 in Sunday School, or 114 more than the previous high.

The church has set a goal of reaching 120 new people for Bible Study during the current year. About 50% of this goal has been reached. In an effort to reach this goal, a new class was begun on March 17. It is for career singles, 25 years and up. Ken Wilkinson is the teacher.

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# Flood waters damage Baptist churches, homes

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pastor Bob Goolsby, was to the pews, the piano, and song books. By Wednesday night, April 6, they had drawn off over 100 gallons of water from the church carpet which they hoped to have saved. 35-40 people worked Wednesday night and Goolsby said about 150 worked Thursday. He guessed at \$15-20,000 in damages. He said the quick response of his people prevented great damages.

Goolsby said the members "have been praising God instead of blaming God." He quoted one woman who told him, "Preacher, I haven't been to church in a long time, I guess I just forgot about God." All that water reminded her of his power, Goolsby said. She helped in the clean-up.

Goolsby's daughter-in-law in Columbia, carrying out a 76-year-old woman from her house, saw a rainbow and mentioned God's promise to the woman. The woman, who appeared lucid, said she didn't know who she was talking about. Bob Goolsby's wife, Jan, commented, "It's taken something like this to bring out the missions opportunities."

Pineburr Baptist Church had 41 inches of water inside and the pastorium a like amount. Pastor Ronnie Maxie spent that Wednesday night in his pickup truck on a hill with his wife Elizabeth and their 13-year-old son Scott in their car beside him. Maxie, a senior at William Carey College, lost virtually all of his furniture in the flood. They had been flooded out twice before in Petal.

Water broke open the church doors and strewed the pews. They lost all the carpet and some paneling. Members had just finished paying off the building.

Maxie said six black men from a nearby church offered help, but by then members and other volunteers had things in hand.

Maxie said his son threatened him, "Daddy, if you ever accept a church near a creek..."

In the community of Foxworth, where Foxworth, First Baptist Church, escaped a wetting, the church opened its doors and heart to commun-

ity members who did suffer flooding.

A total of 35 people spent that Wednesday night in the home of Wilbur and Betty Hall, the pastor and his wife. They fed over 100 people through that night out of church funds. By Saturday, still over 300 homes in Foxworth had no water, and the electricity was going off because of a broken power pole on the Pearl River.

Breakfast cook Saturday was Deacon Willie Martin, whose house had water two and a half feet deep. Wilbur Hall pointed to the kitchen of the church. "There are people in that kitchen who don't have anything, but they're helping."

The Red Cross seht in lunch and another 150 or more ate hot meals in between visits to homes where people received help in "mudding out."

Not all accepted the help. One woman said she'd hired someone to come in Monday to clean and dry her carpet and she would leave everything inside wet till then.

Marvin Graham, pastor of Cottage Creek Baptist Church, was at his office in the bank at Foxworth and couldn't get across the flooding street to his house that Wednesday. He got into a gravel truck which was to deposit him at his house, and the truck was swept by flood waters into a washout perhaps 20 feet deep. The three inside went completely under water. One got out and the other, Oved Dunaway, yelled, "Oh God, please save Mr. Graham." He got a window open and dragged Graham to safety.

Paul Harrell recruited volunteers from across the state. An incomplete list includes volunteers from Greenfield Church, Greenville; Bogue Chitto in Pike County; Kokomo Church, Kokomo; Salem, Collins; Success Church, Success; Gulf Gardens, Gautier; plus 21 from Jones County.

And a crew of Mennonites from Macon worked out of Foxworth, First Church, cleaning up homes.

Reports indicated that the volunteer clean-up needs would have ended by the end of the weekend, but long range needs and responses were yet ahead. Marion County director of missions, George Lee, said volunteer needs would continue to be monitored.

## Teacher fired for leading class worship loses appeal

WASHINGTON (BP)—A public school teacher who lost his job for conducting devotional exercises in the classroom lost his final legal appeal when the U.S. Supreme Court declined to review lower rulings upholding his dismissal.

Lloyd Fink, a tenured elementary school teacher in the Warren County School District in northwestern Pennsylvania, was warned by the acting superintendent of schools to stop his practice of reciting the Lord's Prayer and reading devotionally from the Bible twice each school day. He altered the practice by saying extem-

poraneous prayers and by reading from a Bible story book, once daily, a change his attorney said was "an attempt to reach an acceptable accommodation, but without giving up his rights completely."

When he insisted on continuing the activities, he was fired. Both the state secretary of education and a state court upheld the dismissal and the Pennsylvania Supreme Court refused an appeal to review the case.

By its similar action, the nation's high court let stand the lower rulings against Fink.



## Devotional

The resurrection  
A demonstration of God's powerBy Jon Doler, pastor, First, Raleigh  
Philippians 3:10-11

In our daily experiences we witness the display of power. A strong leader exerts his influence over people. Machines provide transportation for people. Technology enables individuals to sit in front of a television set and observe events around the world as they are happening. Medical science provides the possibility of overcoming deadly diseases. Man has many sources of power at his fingertips and continually searches for other avenues of power.

The kind of power for which Paul searched was not human power, mechanical power, or technological power. Paul asked in Philippians 3:10-11, "That I may know him, and the power of his resurrection and the fellowship of his sufferings, being conformed to his death; in order that I may attain to the resurrection from among the dead." Paul wanted God to affect change in his life through the resurrection power. He had confidence in God's ability to give eternal life.

Within the last forty years, our world has been changed by many ideas and inventions. Some of these changes have been to our advantage while others have not. The greatest question for us is, "Have we allowed God to use his power to change us into Christ-like individuals?" God has the power to change our attitudes, our priorities, and our actions. He can bring us to life while we are in the death that is caused by our sins.

## Beyond The Cross

Behind the cross—that awful tree,  
A portrait of God's love I see  
A love which gave God's only Son,  
That my redemption could be won.

Beyond the cross—an empty tomb  
Which is forever heaven's womb—  
With power to save the whole wide earth  
And give salvation's second birth.

Behold the cross—the awful cost  
My Savior paid to save the lost;  
Such awesome love... the sacrifice!  
No other one could pay sin's price.

Behind the cross—God's love I see,  
Behold the cross—he died for me.  
Beyond the cross—an empty grave,  
From all our sin, God's power to save!

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The resurrection of Jesus from the dead is a demonstration of God's power to give life.

## Names In The News...

Albert L. Travis, professor of organ at Southwestern Seminary, Fort Worth, Tex., will be guest organist at an organ recital Sunday, April 17 in the sanctuary of First Baptist Church, McComb, announced Robert Goodman, minister of music. Travis will play for the morning service and will play an afternoon recital at 2:30. Currently Travis is organist at Broadway Baptist Church, Fort Worth. He received a Bachelor of Music degree from Ok-

lahoma Baptist University, an M. M. degree from Syracuse University, and a D.M.A. degree from University of Michigan. He had further organ study in Frankfurt, Germany.

Robert H. Davis was one of more than 130 persons who participated in mid-year graduation exercises at New Orleans Baptist Theological Seminary, Dec. 18. He is minister of music and youth at New Hope Baptist Church, Ellisville. Davis has completed all the requirements for the Master of Divinity degree. He is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Charles Davis of Ocean Springs, Mississippi. He is married to the former Yvonne Waters.

Charles Buftin, Jr. was licensed to the gospel and music ministry, April 3, in Sunday morning service at Grace Baptist Church, Vicksburg. After the licensing ceremony, he brought the message. He is the children's minister at Grace. H. Bryan Abel is pastor.

Vanilla slates  
75th celebration

Vanilla Baptist Church, Lawrence County, will observe its 75th anniversary, Apr. 17, with an all day service, beginning with Sunday School at 10. Stanley Smith from Henderson, Tenn., will be the morning speaker followed with dinner on the grounds. The afternoon service, beginning at 1:30, will be an introduction of former pastors, anniversary program, and special music.

Cliff Temple marks  
27th birthday

Cliff Temple Baptist Church, Natchez, (Adams) on Mar. 27 celebrated the 27th anniversary of the church, which was organized Mar. 26, 1956. Activities consisted of Sunday School, morning worship, testimonies by charter members and others, and dinner on the grounds.

Special recognition was given to Mrs. Nancy Cockrell, 89, as oldest church member; Mrs. Ethel Goldman, 84, oldest charter member; and Mrs. Ima Lewis, for her continuing work in the homebound ministry. "She is 83 years old and still going strong!" said Bill Dowdy, pastor.

Music was led by William Fortenberry, and special music was provided by a ladies' quartet. Dowdy has been pastor at Cliff Temple since Oct., 1980.

## Homecoming

Harmony Church (Carroll): homecoming day; Apr. 24, fourth Sunday; song service to begin at 10:30 a.m.; John A. Wade of Vaiden, former pastor at Harmony, to preach at 11 a.m.; lunch to be spread at noon on tables under oak trees; "Gloryland Singers" of Bruce to sing in afternoon service; revival to begin Apr. 25 (see "Revival Dates").

Mt. Zion Church, Independence: Apr. 17-21; H. Ray Wood, Birmingham, Ala., evangelist; John Ellzey, Memphis, in charge of the music; 10:30 a.m. and 7:30 p.m. Mon.-Thurs.; Austin Moore, Jr., pastor.

Courtland (Panola): Apr. 15-17; evangelist, Tom Bonds, pastor of Hollywood Church, Sledge; music under direction of Scotty Brooks, Courtland Church; services Fri.-Sat., at 7 p.m.; Sunday, 11 a.m. and 6:45 p.m.; Billy J. McDaniel, pastor.

Harrisville (Simpson): Apr. 15-17; Fri. and Sat. at 7:30 p.m.; Sunday, regular services; Rick Cox, evangelist; Randy Hymel, music evangelist; Gene Erwin, pastor.

Goodyear, Picayune: Apr. 17-20; John Hiron, pastor of Sandhurst Baptist Chapel, Sandhurst, England, evangelist; Bill Reedy, minister of music/youth at Goodyear, to lead the music; Darryl Wood, pastor.

Harrisburg, Tupelo: Apr. 10-14; Drew J. Gunnells, Jr., pastor, Spring Hill Baptist Church, Mobile, Ala., evangelist; David Ford, Nashville, Tenn., music evangelist; Larry W. Fields, pastor; Sunday - 8:30 a.m., 11 a.m., and 7 p.m.; weekdays - noon luncheon and 7 p.m.

Winston will  
dedicate new  
Baptist Center

The dedication for Winston County's Baptist Center building will be Sunday, Apr. 17, at 2 p.m. Earl Kelly, executive secretary of the Mississippi Baptists Convention Board, will bring the dedicatory message.

Joe Richardson and Janell McWhirter of First Baptist, Louisville, will sing. Allen Mapp, pastor of Enon, will read the verbal Call to Worship. Paul Eaves, minister of music at East Louisville, will be in charge of music. Vice-moderator and pastor of Mars Hill, E. C. Tucker, will offer the invocation. James Gibson, pastor of Macedonia, will read scriptures.

A brief history of the building will be given by Jerry Stevens, director of missions. Morris Massey, Chairman of Building Committee and member of Evergreen, will present keys to the building to Moderator Robert Miles, pastor of West Chapel. Prayer of dedication will be offered by Arnold Davis, pastor of Murphy Creek. The benediction will be offered by R. A. Herington, pastor of Winston.

## Revival Dates

Sandersville Church (Jones): announces a week of revival services, April 17-22; evangelist, Earl Clark, pastor of New Hebron Baptist Church, Lawrence Association; music under direction of Al Moore, minister of music at Wildwood Baptist Church, Laurel; Mrs. Sarah Sumrall, organist; Mrs. Jane Gibson, pianist; Bruce Jolly, pastor.

Colonial Hills Church, Southaven: Apr. 24-27; Tommy Vinson, pastor; Rex Yancy, pastor of First, Quitman, evangelist; John Joiner, minister of music, in charge of music; services at 7:30 p.m.

Harmony (Carroll): Apr. 25-29; services at 7:30 p.m.; Jeff Parker, pastor of Cruger Church, evangelist; homecoming Apr. 24.

Temple Church, Jackson: Apr. 24-29; at 7:30 p.m.; speaker, Gerald Hegwood, First Church, Helena, Pascagoula; Bob Waldrop, Fairview, Columbus, leading the music; dinner on the grounds Sun., Apr. 24; Thomas Ayo, pastor.

Calvary, Newton: Apr. 24-29; Sunday at 11 a.m. and 7 p.m.; weekday at 7 p.m.; evangelist, Glenn Davis, pastor at Calvary Church, Newton; music under direction of Dan Guest, minister of music at Bowmar Ave. Church, Vicksburg.

Calhoun City, First: Apr. 17-20; Benny Jackson, evangelist; Tommy Howard, minister of music, FBC, Leeland, leading the music; Sunday 11 a.m. and 7 p.m.; Mon.-Wed. at 7 a.m. and 7 p.m. Anthony Kay, pastor.

Lowrey Memorial Church, Blue Mountain: Apr. 17-22, 11:30 a.m. and 7 p.m.; Wayne Kimbrough, Yazoo City, evangelist; Randy Baldwin, Blue Mountain, music director; Rick Spencer, pastor.

## Revival Results

First Church, McLain: Mar. 27-Apr. 1; Hal Bates, evangelist; Ronnie Cottingham, singer; David Briscoe, pastor; 5 professions of faith.

## Leake churches are in revivals

Many of the Leake County Baptist churches have been, or still are, involved in simultaneous revivals this month. Sonny Kelly is chairman of evangelism for the association. Henry Adams is director of missions. The following churches are participating: (All Sunday services are at regular times. Weekdays will be at 7 p.m., except Mt. Zion, New Zion, at 7:30.)

Cedar Grove: Apr. 22-24; Garner M. Clark, evangelist; Dolan Babb, music director; Keith Moore, pastor.

Corinth: Apr. 17-20; James Griffith, evangelist; Iris LeCren, music director; James Griffith, pastor.

Freemont: Apr. 20-24; Bobby Thompson, evangelist; Johnny Eubanks, music director; W. C. Smith, interim pastor.

Good Hope: Apr. 17-22; Odell Tebo, evangelist; Syble Easterling, music director; Odell Tebo, pastor.

Lena: Apr. 15-17; Jimmy Fulton, evangelist; Curtis James, interim pastor.

Mt. Carmel: Apr. 15-17; Danny Dadds, evangelist; Clairborn Penny, music director; Sonny Kelly, pastor.

Mt. Zion: Apr. 15-17; Billy Henry, evangelist; Jerry Marler, music director; Paul Jordan, pastor.

New Hope: Apr. 22-24; services to be led by a youth team from Clarke College; James Young, pastor.

New Prospect: Apr. 15-17; David Cook, evangelist; Cecil Allen, music director.

New Zion: Apr. 20-24; Tony Henry, evangelist; Mr. and Mrs. Richard Beal, missionaries to Venezuela, to speak Sunday; James Smith, music director; C. C. Burns, pastor.

Pleasant Hill: Apr. 15-17; C. C. Burns, evangelist; Jimmy McDill, pastor.

Remus: Apr. 22-24; James Lewis, evangelist; Devon Pope, music director; Edward Smith, pastor.

Rocky Point: Apr. 10-15; Hugh Poole, evangelist; J. B. Betts and Mary Betts, musicians; David Wilkinson, pastor.

Springfield: Apr. 22-24; Jimmy McDill, evangelist; Danny Moss, pastor.

Standing Pine: Apr. 22-24; James Griffith, evangelist; Pete Barron, music director; Rickey McKay, pastor.

Sunrise: was Apr. 10-13; W. L. Oaks, evangelist; Lester Walton, music director; Robert Walker, pastor.

Thomastown: Apr. 17-20; David Wilkinson, evangelist; Harry Daniels, music director; W. A. Troutman, pastor.

Trinity: Apr. 10-15; Wade Chappell, evangelist; Kenny Adams, music director; Bobby Waggoner, pastor.

Wiggins: was Apr. 8-10; Gary Rivers, evangelist; Carlton Jones, pastor.

If we had to face death about once a month, what great Christians we would be.

## Bible Book

Solomon demonstrates  
God's gift of wisdomBy Joe H. Tuten, pastor,  
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I Kings 3:1-4:34

This unit of study is "Solomon's Early Reign in Covenant with God." Sunday's lesson is entitled "Solomon Demonstrates God's Gift of Wisdom," based on I Kings 3:1-4:34.

Solomon probably is best remembered for his wisdom, his wealth, and his many wives. When one considers his many marriages, one may question his wisdom. The prophetic interpretation, as declared in the scriptures, is that Solomon entered into marriage with foreign wives for diplomatic reasons. For example, he attempted to strengthen friendly relations between Israel and Egypt by making the Pharaoh's daughter one of his wives (I Kings 3:1). I Kings 11:1-6 reveals a prophetic disapproval of these multiple marriages to non-Israelite, non-Jehovah worshipping women who turned his heart away from Jehovah.

Devotion to the Lord has long been a keystone of happy and enduring marriages. The bankers say that money problems cause more divorce and family trouble than any other thing. After forty years as a pastor, I say that the lack of devotion to the Lord—the Lord's day, the Lord's church, the Lord's way of living—causes more divorce and family discord than any other thing. Paul was never more sensible than when he admonished Christians not to be unevenly yoked together with unbelievers (II Corinthians 6:14). It is well-nigh impossible for one person who is going to heaven and another person who is going to hell to go through life pulling on the same end of the rope.

Solomon's request for wisdom (I Kings 3:1-15). Gibeon was about six miles, northwest of Jerusalem, located in that part of the land which had been allotted to the tribe of Benjamin. It earlier had been made a Levitical city. Solomon went there to worship God. In Gibeon (emphatic) Jehovah appeared to Solomon and told him to ask for a gift (I Kings 3:5). This evidently was God's way of testing Solomon or, rather, confronting Solomon with the need of sorting out his priorities while still in the beginning period of his reign. Solomon's response, made in prayer, expressed gratitude, awareness of divine grace (lovingkindness), moral and ethical consciousness, covenant purpose, and humility.

He asked for wisdom, literally "a hearing heart," to judge God's people (I Kings 3:9). The request was totally unselfish, and it should be noted that in that sense it was godly or God-like in its nature. David, or someone, had taught Solomon much about God. This fact should not be over-looked, even though later Solomon failed to live up to this high ideal due in part to the influence of his non-Jehovah worshipping foreign wives. The Lord was pleased with Solomon's unselfish request for wisdom that had as its objective the greater well-being of "thy great people" (I Kings 3:9).

Solomon's wisdom as judge (I Kings 3:16-28). The Hebrew text of I Kings 3:16 makes it clear that the story about the two harlots was viewed as a test, or example, of Solomon's wisdom. Wisdom is more than knowledge or experience. Wisdom includes the skillful and effective application of knowledge. Two prostitutes came to Solomon, each continually claiming that the living child was her child and that the dead child belonged to the other woman.

Solomon's startling proposal to divide the child brought out the tender concern of the real mother, and the child was given to her. The real point of the story has to do with the wisdom, the God-given wisdom, by which the young king settled the case to which there had been no witnesses.

Solomon's wise administration (I Kings 4:1-28). This passage has as its purpose the illustration of Solomon's wisdom not only in rendering justice, as in the unusual case of the two harlots, but in organizing and administering the usual and necessary affairs of government. The passage makes four points about the organization and administration of the government.

One, Solomon, and none other, was king over all Israel (I Kings 4:1).

Two, Solomon had cabinet members or department heads over different areas of administration (I Kings 4:2-6).

Three, Solomon had district governors who were administrative officials in various geographical sections of the land (I Kings 4:7-19).

Four, both Judah and Israel experienced peace and prosperity. This is seen as a further illustration, and, indeed, as the fruit, of Solomon's God-given wisdom. Again, the people themselves benefited from Solomon's unselfish request.

## Uniform

## Missionaries on the move

By John G. Armistead, pastor,  
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Acts 13:13, 14:8-18

With the death of Stephen and the subsequent persecution, believers were scattered through the Mediterranean area. These Jewish Christians went to cities like Damascus and Antioch and told fellow Jews of the Messiah (Acts 11:19, 20). Communities of believers were quickly established.

At Antioch, not only Jews but Gentiles as well, accepted Jesus as Saviour. At Antioch, one of the largest cities in the Roman empire, the work grew so rapidly that the apostles in Jerusalem sent Barnabas to oversee it (11:20-24). The task required even additional help, and Barnabas went to Tarsus to bring back Saul, the gifted new disciple (11:25-26).

In the midst of this exciting work, the Holy Spirit led the church into a new approach to ministry. Previously the gospel had spread from place to place only sporadically. Now God called for a planned, systematic thrusting of the gospel into new areas. It was to be missionary activity by design.

I. The Gospel must move out (13:1-3).

There were five gifted leaders at Antioch: Barnabas; Simeon, nicknamed Niger (which is Latin for "black," leading some to think this may have been the same Simeon who helped Jesus with the cross); Lucius of Cyrene (undoubtedly one of the founders of the church); Manaen, who had been brought up with Herod Antipas (as has been often observed, what a commentary on the grace of God! Two childhood playmates—one becomes the executioner of John the Baptist and the mocker of Jesus, the other an outstanding leader of the church); and Paul.

The Holy Spirit urged them to send out Barnabas and Paul to do the work to which they were called. Paul was indeed a "chosen vessel" to bear Christ's name to the Gentiles (Acts 9:15). Thus they are commissioned and sent forth.

II. The Gospel can heal all people (14:8-10).

This missionary team sailed to Cyprus, Barnabas' home, and preached, then sailed north to the mainland.

The extent of Solomon's wisdom (I Kings 4:29-34). The wisdom that God gave to Solomon brought him international acclaim. He was ranked through international courts as the wisest man in the world (I Kings 4:31). People and rulers from many nations came to Jerusalem because they had heard of his wisdom.

again. Their method was to go to the Jewish synagogues and proclaim Jesus as Messiah. Some Jews would respond and several "God-fearers," Gentiles who worshipped at the synagogues. Then persecution from non-believing Jews would compel them to move on.

Soon they arrived at Lystra, a town in what is modern Turkey. Lystra had no synagogue, was thoroughly pagan with a temple to Zeus. These people were bilingual, speaking Greek (in which Paul and Barnabas communicated with them) and their native tongue, Lycaonian.

Paul noticed a man who had been crippled from birth and understood the man had faith to be healed. He commanded the man to get up. He did immediately and began to run.

While we are only told of one physically crippled person there, all of these without Christ were spiritually crippled. God's good news is that in Jesus healing from fear, sin and death comes. It is the power of God to heal all.

III. The Gospel must be made clear (14:11-14).

The excited people who witnessed the healing thought Barnabas and Paul were gods in the likeness of men. Specifically, they thought the quiet, dignified Barnabas was Zeus, chief of gods in the Greek Pantheon, and that Paul was Hermes, god of oratory, because he was doing most of the talking. In their excitement the people had reverted to their vernacular and at first the missionaries did not understand what was happening. However, when the local priest of Zeus came with oxen ready to sacrifice, Paul and Barnabas tore their garments in grief at this blasphemy and proceeded to make the gospel clear.

Christianity, after twenty centuries, is often overlaid with so many traditions and interpretations that it is unintelligible to modern man. We must always labor to make the message clear and plain.

IV. The Gospel brings people to the Living God (14:15-18).

Paul's sermon did not appeal to Old Testament prophecies as did his preaching when addressing Jewish audiences. Rather, to these who were out and out pagans and unfamiliar with scripture, he appealed to the goodness of God as seen in general providence. All other gods are empty, while God in Jesus Christ alone is "living" and the source of life.

This was the message for Lystra then. It is still the same message for the Lystra today which needs the word of the living, saving God.

## Life and Work

## God's global purpose

By Beverly V. Tinnin, pastor,  
First, Meridian  
Isa. 42:1-7, 18-20

Isaiah, chapter 42, contains a series of poems which have as their theme "the servant of God." Frequently, in Biblical usage a word or passage carries two meanings that are hard to separate. A case in point is Matthew, chapters 24 and 25. At times Jesus refers to the apostasy of Jews and the coming fall of Jerusalem. At other times he has reference to his second coming and the final judgment. At times we can't be sure to which he is referring.

Here the term "servant of Israel" is used alternately of Israel, and of Jesus. Probably the term refers to any who fulfill God's will and performs a servant's mission.

Today we look at the task God gives which has worldwide implications.

Justice to every nation V. 1

A lesson Israel had the most trouble learning was that God was interested in bringing "justice to every nation." Acts records that after Jesus' ascension into heaven Christian Jews continued to worship beside their neighbors in the temple. There was no persecution of the Christians so long as Christianity remained a narrow Jewish religion.

It was when Stephen declared all lands were "holy" and that a number of Gentiles were in the lineage of David that they stoned him to shut him up. It was a long time before Peter at last arrived at the place where he declared to Cornelius "God is no respecter of persons." But for the vast majority of the Jews they wanted no part in it. By the time of the fall of Jerusalem in 70 A.D. the myriads (10,000) of Christians referred to in early Acts had shrunk to practically none at all.

Isaiah declared "the servant" was strengthened, chosen by God and filled with the Spirit so that he could "preach the gospel to every creature." To do less than that was to limit the message that God intended every man to hear.

The method outlined V. 2-4

The Great Commission does not begin with the imperative "go ye." Rather it merely begins "as ye go..." There was no question but that Christian people would be constrained by the Spirit to "move out." The words of the Great Commission that follow describe how Christians were to conduct themselves and carry out their ministry along their way. Isaiah declares "the servant" is to go about bringing "Justice."

We understand "the commission" in

terms of seven "negatives," in contrast with the way men generally tried to establish their will. The servant would not use violent methods, make proclamations nor issue rallying cries. He would not be vindictive nor violent. Rather he would be so gentle he would not even break a "bruised reed" or "put out a flickering lamp" that failed to give light and dispel darkness. He would "stay the course" and establish justice. As Jesus declared, "The meek shall inherit the earth."

The heavens declare the glory of God V. 5

As evidence that "the servant's" work will be completed the mighty work that God has already performed is pointed out. He created the canopy of the skies with its farflung stars. He created the earth and gave life to all its creatures. He created man "a living soul" by imparting to him the "breath of life." Then he gave his Spirit to walk among his people.

The servant's mission V. 6,7

The call of God to be his servant carried with it the guarantee of power. Paul referred to this later when he declared that he had never been let down by the gospel for it carried with it "God's dynamite." The servant would find that power which was sufficient to move aside all obstacles. The light he brings was a reflection of divine light. In John, chapter 1, the writer makes a point of saying, "John the Baptist was not that light." Then he affirmed "the light which lighteth the way for every man to come into the world" was there. He only would dispel the darkness of sin. The servant would carry this light to the nations that would open blind eyes and set free the prisoners of darkness.

The mission failed V. 18-20

These words were addressed to Israel. They had refused to accept the servant's role. They proved to be deaf and blind to their commissioning by God. Though they received so much from God they did not obey his commands. Their minds were closed to the true state of their relationship with him while they day-dreamed about the past. Their captivity was not the result of their own weakness nor strength of the enemy. Their downfall was the result of God's judgment upon them.

Sermon—"Gossip"  
Invitation Hymn—"I Love To Tell The Story"

How far a fisherman stretches the truth depends on the length of his arms.